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Note: The following information concerns the personnel and the structure of the State Secretariat of Shipping [redacted]

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1. Ernst Wollweber - State Secretary¹

Heinz Hess - SED, Deputy State Secretary, chief of internal administration, comes from Magdeburg, was previously employed in the Ministry of the Interior as chief of the construction staff, and allocated the government orders for Ruegen.

2. The following are the heads of the six central sections.

Hess (fnu) - head of the budget section, from Lehnitz

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Toelle (fnu) - head of the cable section, VVN (Vereinigung der Verfolgten
des Nazi Regimes)

Feierabend (fmu) - head of the material supply section

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Wild (fnu) - head of the commercial section

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Kurt Koenig - head of the labor section; this section is being expanded.

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Rietzke (fnu) - head of the general administration section

3. Under the State Secretary are two main administrations, one for Merchant Marine and Harbor Traffic and one for Waterway Construction and Administration:

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- a. Salomon Karl - head of the Main Administration of Merchant Marine and Harbor Traffic.

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Gramsch (fmu) - head of the section for merchant marine for inland waters, SED Duerrast (fmu) - head of the section for wharves.

- b. In addition there are two independent groups under Merchant Marine and Traffic Harbor:

Dr. Goehl (fmu) - head of ocean transportation and reloading. SED

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Weber (fmu) - head of ship mechanics, technician from Suhl, was formerly a section head

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- c. Keul, Walter - head of the Main Administration of Waterway Construction and Administration, formerly general manager of the General Management for Shipping.

Omann (fmu) - head of the Waterway Construction section, formerly an employee of the Berlin Waterway Management.

Saenger (fmu) - head of the harbor construction section.

- d. The Waterway Construction and Administration has one independent group:

Bethge (fmu) - head of telegraphy, was formerly in the Walter-Ulbricht-Akademie. He is to head the Trustee Office for Inland Shipping.

4. There are two independent sections under the State Secretary:

Lenz (fmu) - head of the finance control section, SED.

Winde (fmu) - head of operations control, SED, activist...

5. The total number of employees of the State Secretariat is 180.

6. The liaison with the SCC is carried out by Colonel Krasnov who is in charge of the Transportation and Communications Section. He is also liaison officer with the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications. All decisions of the State Secretariat are submitted to the SCC. Salomon, Keul, and Wollweber deal with the SCC.

7. The Neuendorf-Paretz canal which was planned to cost 18,000,000 eastmarks actually cost 135,000,000 eastmarks.

8. Sosna (fmu), the State Secretariat's Party secretary, Salomon, Toelle, Mutscher (fmu), and Walter Mueller work for the SED.

9. The Trustee Office for Inland Shipping is a special office of the former GDS² and has control over the ships which come under Paragraph 6 of the Ordinance for the Safeguarding of Property (West German property), dated 17 July 1953, and the administration of foreign property. Zielinski (fmu) and Scholwin (fmu) are some leading personalities. Frau Holst (fmu) is Zielinski's deputy.

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1. ☐ Comment: It was announced in the latter part of July that Wollweber had been appointed State Secretary for State Security under the Ministry of the Interior.

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2. ☐ Comment: Generaldirektion Schifffahrt.

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